

Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation

A Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Center of Innovation

Position Official Title (Research Health Science Specialist)

Position Common Title (HSR&D Research Associate)

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, NC

This full-time Research Associate (RA) position, with the Durham VA Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation, Durham VA Health Care System, is in support of the VA-funded research project, "A Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Trial of Treatments for Veterans with PTSD at Elevated Acute Risk for Suicide." This position is 40 hour/week.

Job Description:

Major responsibilities will include:

- 1) Recruiting, consenting, and screening human research participants, and managing participant compensation.
- 2) Conducting research assessments that include interviews to evaluate for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), self-injurious thoughts and behaviors, borderline personality disorder (BPD), and other psychiatric disorders. Under the supervision of a licensed clinician, implementing suicide risk mitigation protocols as necessary.
- 3) Assisting in preparing and submitting regulatory documents (e.g., Institutional Review Board (IRB))
- 4) Assisting in monitoring of project progress, budget requirements, and timelines.
- 5) Auditing research study records for compliance with Research and Development and IRB requirements.
- 6) Assisting in data management and data security including organizing and managing printed and electronic case report forms, conducting data entry into study databases, maintaining and securing study data in a manner consistent with Veterans Health Administration (VHA) policies regarding data management, and conducting data quality checks.
- 7) Providing daily operational and administrative support for the study team.

Desired Skills: Clinical experience working with psychiatric populations, particularly those with posttraumatic stress disorder, non-suicidal self-injury, and history of suicide attempt. Knowledge of psychiatric assessment instruments and skills and experience in interviewing. The preferred candidate will have training in the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 and the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale. Knowledge of rules and ethical and professional standards in research and clinical practice with psychiatric populations. Capacity to organize information, identify and seek out needed resources, and problem-solve independently. Knowledge of crisis intervention techniques and the ability to exercise sound judgment in assisting highly distressed patients with mental illness is necessary. Skill and ability to communicate both orally and in writing with a variety of persons from diverse backgrounds and different levels of understanding. Familiarity with policies and regulations related to the conduct of human subjects research required; preference for those with experience conducting research in the VHA system. Proficiency with Microsoft Office programs (e.g., Word, Excel, PowerPoint) required; preference for those with experience with Qualtrics or other data entry systems.

Requirements:

Bachelor's degree in an academic field related to the medical field, health sciences or allied sciences is required. Bachelor's degree with 1-2 years of relevant experience or Master's degree is preferred, Salary and GS level will be commensurate with education and experience. Must be a US citizen to apply.

Position: HSR&D Research Associate, The Center of Innovation for Accelerating Discovery and Practice Transformation at the VA Durham Healthcare System, Durham, North Carolina. Full-time. This position is for a GS 9-1 (range begins at \$59,505) as commensurate with education and experience. Must be a US citizen to apply. Benefits included. This is a hybrid in-person and telework position.

Contact: Please email a cover letter and resume to Drs. Liz Van Voorhees and Beth Ready (Elizabeth.VanVoorhees@va.gov; Charlotte.Ready@va.gov) with the subject line "Application for Research Associate."

Application deadline: Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

We aspire to create a community built on collaboration, innovation, creativity, equity, and inclusion. We work to recognize and mitigate our own biases. Our collective success depends on a robust exchange of ideas - an exchange that is best when we see rich diversity in our backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. To achieve this, we are committed to diversity in the staff and faculty we hire, equity in the policies we create, and justice in the decisions we make. Candidates with backgrounds underrepresented in science are especially encouraged to apply.